

SOME GOOD REASONS

Why Women Should All Have the Ballot,

GIVEN BY THE SPEAKERS PRESENT

At Garfield Picnic—Eva Blackman, J. W. Gleed and Others Make Speeches.

The attendance at the suffrage meeting at Garfield park yesterday afternoon was neither large nor enthusiastic, but it was earnest and patient. Only between two and three hundred people, mostly women, were there owing perhaps to the oft-recurring fact that the event had not been judiciously advertised.

The exercises were to have begun at 2:30, but as the management was even more disappointed in the matter of speakers than in that of an audience and as it was necessary to wait for them, it was at least three-quarters of an hour later before Dr. Eva Harding ascended the platform with other members of the suffrage league and announced to the audience their predicament. Only two of the six billed to speak were present, Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Diggs both having failed to appear. It was the intention, however, to go on with the meeting as best they could.

The first speaker was Mrs. L. B. Smith of Ottawa, who is the state president of the W. C. T. U. She spoke of the limitation of the ballot, and thought that it was now too limited in some directions and too sweeping in others. There are men, she said, being born every five minutes in this country in an atmosphere that will make them not one-tenth so able to cope with the moral and financial questions of the nation, and not one-tenth so able to assert intelligently the rights of citizenship as the average woman of this day.

In the thinking woman because the thinking woman was sure to bear thinking, moral children. She believed that if woman had the ballot she could blot out forever the curse of intemperance. As it is now, she said, the whisky element is the curse of the country. There are 240,000 saloons, all mortgaged to the breweries. These saloons control in their own favor at least an average of fifteen votes each, or a total in the country of 3,600,000, nearly one-half of the total vote of either of the old parties. If the woman got the ballot she would have the control.

H. H. Brown was next called upon and said in substance: "For forty years I have been in favor of female suffrage and in all that time I have never heard one argument against it that was worthy of intelligent consideration. The arguments that are advanced against it are not of principle; they are arguments of policy. On our side are nature's laws and God's purpose. Truth will at last control the earth. Has not woman done more for civilization than man ever could? What would the church be today if it had not been for woman? What would the influence? Would there have been a church? Woman has always uplifted man. How can we refuse her the privilege of standing equal with us in the ballot when we realize that behind every great man stood a mother? The hope of the future lies in woman's education. What woman is, the nation must be."

"I am a firm believer in the law of heredity. A slave woman will bring forth a slave child. Have not the slave mothers of the past brought forth the slaves of today? No manly man can come of a degraded woman. The woman raises the child. It is nature's law that the child should belong to her, and I say it is a curse to American civilization that the courts give the child to the father. Woman has certainly proven her ability to stand equal with man in every intellectual way and yet no man can stoop to the depths a woman can in iniquity. Look at our women lobbyists who stand about the halls of legislation and play on our lawmakers' basest passions to accomplish most unwholesome legislation. Raise her above this."

"It is said that woman cannot vote because she cannot fight. We don't want her to fight. It were better if we had no armed force in the country. The standing army is a menace to peace. All eyes are turned to the Kansas now. I know that suffrage is coming because God is with it and it is right, but it is necessary that Kansas should set the example. Hon. Albert Griffin (the Republican) was in the audience, and came forward and talked. He was simply petty spite. Her speech was short but it was to the point. Among other things she said: 'If it were true that woman should be allowed to vote because she cannot fight and if suffrage should depend upon brute force, our esteemed friend John Lawrence Sullivan should have about fifteen votes while Rev. Lyman Abbott would not be entitled to more than half a one.'"

"While we certainly deplore the recent labor disturbances, I feel that it has accomplished this good at least: It has awakened the women to a sense of what they can and should do. Labor disturbances tend to weaken women from her sympathy and teach her that we need legislation that will make impossible the conditions that will endanger the lives of her husband, brothers and sons." Mrs. Blackman's speech finished the programme for the afternoon.

At the evening meeting the number of auditors was smaller than in the day time. Willis Gleed was the speaker of the evening but owing to the limitations of the crowd and the threatening appearance of the weather he cut his speech short. What there was of it was good, however.

He said: "Opposition to suffrage is based on no reason at all; it is based simply on prejudice—blind prejudice. Prejudice is like sleeping in an emigrant car, when you get up in the morning the car smells all right. A good many people argue against equal suffrage because many of the people of this country ancient institutions are getting used to being overturned. [Laughter.] Woman doesn't need a law to keep her offeminate. You see the arguments have no reason in them. These people simply do not want it so because they do not want it so."

"It makes me think of a man going down to the sea shore with a spoon to dip up salt water. I would as soon think of calling to him, 'Don't do that, you will make the ocean dry,' as to declare that giving women the right to vote would destroy her womanliness. We don't have to keep her womanly. I don't believe woman was put here to keep man masculine."

"It is narrowed down to this question with every man: 'Is my wife my equal or is she my inferior?' Is it possible that any man will boldly say by his course against equal suffrage that he has married a woman that is his inferior? Does he want the kind of a woman to be the mother of his children? I think not."

"It is with the woman to train the coming generation. She is the nation's future. Is it not right then that she should be allowed the privilege of registering her opinion on national questions once a year at her husband's side?" Mr. Gleed's speech was highly interesting and the ladies would not allow him to escape until he had promised to finish it at some future time.

TO MAKE MORE ROOM.

For Seating Big Audiences at the City Park.

The city council has had the matter of improving the "speaking facilities" at the city park brought to its notice by a resolution introduced at its last meeting by Councilman Bradford, asking that a committee investigate the building and seats at the park and report at the next meeting. The mayor put the matter in the hands of the committee on public buildings and parks and a report will be made at the next meeting of the council.

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BATTERY B TO DISBAND.

Political Differences in the Ranks Bring About Demoralization.

There is a well founded rumor that Battery B, located at Topeka, and commanded by Lieutenant H. M. Phillips, will be disbanded. The reasons assigned are that the battery is demoralized, and that there is dissension in its ranks caused by political differences. It is said that during the strike troubles several members of the battery came to the armory wearing the white ribbons which declared their sympathy with the strikers, while the other faction wore the little flag which is taken to indicate the opposite. Nothing was said on the matter at the armory, but some rather warm discussion took place outside.

Then there is another source of trouble. E. S. Hunter is second duty sergeant of the battery, and he is also captain of the Coxey Home guard. When he accepted the latter position the commander of the battery protested and took the position that Hunter could not consistently occupy both positions. Hunter refused to resign the captaincy of the Home guard, but when he marched down the street with "General" Ariz and the "army," the limit was reached, and Lieutenant Phillips forthwith ordered Hunter's discharge. The matter hung there until last week, when the captain of the Home guard assured the commander of the battery that the guard was no longer doing active work, and that he regretted the part he had taken in the organization. The application for his discharge was then withdrawn and harmony was established.

At the meeting of the state military board this week it is understood the question of disbanding the battery was discussed and while no action was taken by the board the matter was left in a condition not favorable to its continuation. The greater number of the battery are Republicans. Lieutenant Phillips said when asked about the reported disbandment of the battery "I have received no word of any kind about it. As far as disbandment in the ranks are concerned there is no truth in it and we have never allowed politics to be discussed in the battery."

Band Concert Tonight. Marshall's Military Band will give their usual open air concert at Garfield Park tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock. See those pictures in Trumbull's window, your choice for \$1.50 and \$2.25. Colorado and Returns \$25. Tickets on sale July 21, 22 and 23, via the Great Rock Island route. The Abilath Lodge Degree of Shriners have selected the Santa Fe as the official route to Denver, and they will pass through here Sunday, July 22, on No. 5. Why is it you can get the best quality of meats at reduced prices at Goodman Bros. Because they have adopted the cash system. The STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

Mr. J. A. McIntosh of the Santa Fe store department was agreeably surprised Tuesday evening at his home in North Topeka by a party of friends who came in to play high five. Ice cream and cake were served at 10:30 to Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, Mr. E. Hobart of Omaha, Mrs. Schivers of Kansas City, J. Burchar, H. Donaldson, F. H. Rathburn, Misses Edith and Emma States, Maud Mills, Josie Litchner and others. General Social News. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, and Mrs. A. R. Lingsford, Misses Nellie Clough, Mary McCabe, Emily King, Grace Vandegriff of Kansas City; Messrs. Jarrell, Akers and Vandegriff will picnic at Vinewood this afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and Mr. C. D. Easthope will leave tomorrow morning for Los Angeles, Cal. Grace Vandegriff of Kansas City is visiting her father, F. L. Vandegriff. Miss Gregory of Denver is the guest of her cousin Miss Mattie Mills. Rob Clary of Kansas City, spent yesterday with Bert Sutherland. Mrs. H. Clarkson and daughter Carrie will go to Colorado Monday, and Mr. Clarkson will join them later. Mrs. F. W. Wolf has returned to her home in Osgue City. Miss Nellie Small will go to Severance, Kan., Monday, to visit Miss Grace Curtis. Little George Willard is ill at his home in Potwin. Misses Minnie Sailer and Alice Flynn and John Shean will leave for Denver Sunday, to spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. E. C. Davis of Horton, is in the city for a few days. Mrs. Trout was up from Wamego yesterday. Miss Ada and Master James Mott of Independence, Mo., are visiting their aunt Mrs. E. Medlicott at 801 Lincoln street. Miss Lucine Barker of Lawrence, is the guest of Miss Jessie Edison. Misses Barker and Leta Hitt and Miss Campbell have gone to Dover to spend a few days with Mrs. Dr. Carson. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown, are visiting in Parsons, Kan., this week. Mrs. Ed. Small is ill at her home on Tyler street. Mr. Joseph Marshall's party, which was to have been given Wednesday evening, has been postponed indefinitely. Mrs. H. W. Roby is expected home from her visit to Pittsburg, Pa., today. Every pair of gent's fine shoes purchased this week at Furman's will save you \$1. See De Moss and P-n-well's new undertaking rooms. 533 Quincy at. Go out to Garfield park tonight and hear the concert by Marshall's band. This week \$3 shoes for \$2.50 at Furman's. Cheap smoked glasses at the Chas. Bennett's optical store 713 Kan. av. Went Up in Smoke. Many a nickel and dime has gone that way, but you won't feel as though yours had gone that way if you buy your cigars from Stansfield he keeps the best imported 5 and 10 cent cigars. Furman's \$3 warranted shoe this week at \$2.50.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The first of the series of parties given by the Imperials at Vinewood, took place last evening and was in honor of Miss Alice Hood of Emporia. Watson's orchestra played for them and the grounds surrounding the pavilion were explored by those of a romantic turn of mind. The list is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, Misses Blanche Dienst, Clemma Linn, Mabel Johnson, Glenn Cross, Nina Sheafar, Bessie Stewart, Edna Lakin, Henrietta Thompson, Edna Best, Agnes Lee of Kansas City, Celia Hayden of Columbus, Ohio, Irene Horner, Hortense Kelly, Jessie Edison, Lucine Barker of Lawrence, Carrie Clarkson, Jessie Small, Nellie McClintock, Meliora and Sadie Hambleton, Stella Black of St. Louis, Abbie Ware, Florence Greer, Julia Street, Helen Scott, Grace Shellabarger of Decatur, Illinois, Cleo Ewart, Lulu Manspaker, and Messrs. Geo. Crawford, Chas. McCabe, Harry Weaver, Frank Edson, Walter Noble, Will Walker, Charles Thomas, Jerry Black, Fred Kingsley, Fred. Bonebrake, Ed. Dennis, Park Ewart, Cliff Histed, T. R. Hopkins, C. D. Easthope of Niles, J. B. Curry, Al Evans, Matt Wikidka, Walter Wilder, Ed Stroicher, Geo. Rust, Will Alexander, John Frey, Julius Weidling, Ed Horner, H. H. King, John Wators, Eugene Yates, R. K. Jamison, Geo. Hayden, Charles Barnes and J. B. Clay.

A Farewell Picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crawford will leave for New York to reside, next week will enjoy a farewell visit and picnic at Garfield park this afternoon with Rev. J. B. Thomas and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mulvane, Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. Freeman and daughters, Lillian and Zona, Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Stewart and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitaker, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shaw and daughters, Ina and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miner and son, and others. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butts and C. E. Butts are at Merrill Springs, Kansas. Mrs. Clark of 119 North Klein street is visiting in the east. Mr. and Mrs. John Small and Miss Jessie Small will leave Monday for Grand Lake, Col. Walter and Fay McPherson have gone to Clay Center to visit relatives.

A most enjoyable picnic was given at Garfield park on Wednesday afternoon by Misses Kiddler and Jones. Those present were: Misses Flossie Benton, Belle Stagg, Ella Sowers, May Dunn, Pearl Webber, Olive McCarter, Daisy Cole of Kansas City, Eva Harding, Eva Griggs, Louise Jones, Rosa Chesney, Mabel Jones and Maud Kiddler, Messrs. Harold Reed, Wm. Fulton, A. Torrence, Albert Holmes, Webb Stevenson, Frank Crane, Joe Reissner and Harry Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Dienst Entertained. Mr. and Mrs. A. Dienst entertained a few near neighborhood friends informally Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and Mr. C. D. Easthope of Niles, O. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ott, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manspaker, Dr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Wear, Dr. and Mrs. Cooksey, Misses Lulu Manspaker, Gertrude Martin, Messrs. Will Trump and Warren Akers.

ARE GAMBLING DEVICES.

Judge Ensminger Decides on the Slot Machine Cases.

The police court as a place of amusement was very much a failure this morning. The people of Topeka had been behaving themselves during the twenty-four hours prior to 8 o'clock and there had been no arrests. Even Smoky Row escaped representation. The only cases called were some that had been continued and there was nothing about them that was very interesting. George Morgan, who has been on the docket since Wednesday, charged with fast driving, was the first to respond. He had several witnesses, among them James Clayton, who had been trying to pass Morgan when he was arrested. Clayton was also under arrest. Both were colored. Morgan pleaded not guilty, and stuck to his story, but even his own witnesses were against him, and the judge in finding him \$5 incidentally remarked that he not only considered him guilty, but not honest enough to tell the truth. Clayton pleaded guilty and was fined \$3 which he paid. Morgan paid his also. These cases have been continued so much that it was determined to get rid of them. The defendants in the cases were Charles Havelin, John Fieger, Henry Heiser and P. A. Wise. It should be understood that these men were arrested for maintaining slot machines without having paid the city license. In the case of Havelin and Heiser, who are partners, it was developed after much questioning on the part of City Attorney Hungenote and a good deal of acrobatic stunts on the part of Mr. Heiser, although it was Mr. Havelin that was being examined (broken in upon with recurring frequency by the judge's demands for quiet and threats of commitment) that the machines in question were of the species known as gambling devices because they were chance games, hence without the authority of the city to collect a license on the cases were then dismissed at the suggestion of Mr. Hungenote. The next case was that of John Fieger and P. A. Wise who were called upon to answer to the same charges set forth in the other cases. It seems that Mr. Wise owns the machine in question as he does several others, and that he had placed it in the store of Mr. Fieger in North Topeka. This was also decided to be a gambling device and the case was dismissed. Mr. Wise objected to having his machine referred to as a gambling device, but the case was dismissed just the same. This ended the police excitement for the day excepting that Mr. Heiser and his oratory came back to abuse the judge, the city attorney, the police force, Topeka and the world generally, but he could not find anybody to quarrel with him so he finally gave it up.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Judge Hazen will take a short vacation in August. A car load of oranges will last just a week in Topeka. F. B. Dawes will make another speech in Topeka August 1. The south cell room at the city prison is being whitewashed. Sup't. H. N. Gaines will address the Populist league tonight. The woolen mill buildings are almost finished up to the second story. J. W. Gleed will address the Russell county normal institute July 31. General J. C. Caldwell will make a speech at Belleville next Saturday. The meeting of the colored Odd Fellows closed with a banquet last night. Mrs. Eva Blackman the Leavenworth suffragist, is an enthusiastic bicyclist. The Santa Fe shops whistle will commence blowing next Monday morning. Some of the cars used on the new electric line at Leavenworth are vestibuled. Why is it that the Topeka street lights are out just about half the time at night. There was a dancing party at Vinewood last night and also one at Garfield. The old court house should be torn down when it is vacated by the county offices. The state military board has authorized the equipment of a platoon of cavalry at Lawrence. The favorite mode of addressing the chair at a suffrage meeting is "Madam president." A big tent has been put up in the city park for the protracted meetings of the Church of God. Because a man happens to have a boll on his nose people shouldn't be too hasty it assigning it to strong drink. Fruit dealers complain that they are unable to get any California fruit on account of the strike on the coast. Dr. McVicar and his assistants on the faculty are working up the interest of Washburn college over the state. Osgue county has been divided into 250 districts by the chairman of the Republican county central committee. The boys of the First M. E. Sunday school will organize a company of Epworth guards tomorrow afternoon. An impatient public wants to know when the Bank of Topeka is going to take the planks off its new stone walk. Attorney General Little is writing a reply to W. F. Rightmire's charges against him on the Pullman tax cases. Judge Foster has signed and authorized the Santa Fe receivers to pay the deputies employed in the strike \$3 a day for their services. Pension Agent Glick says the Germans of Kansas have too much respect for women to vote the Populist ticket and endorse suffrage. The greenhouse of Bird & Rodman at the corner of Eleventh and Quincy has been torn down and moved to the corner of Twelfth and Monroe. Deputy Bank Commissioner W. A. Waterman joined a tennis club to reduce his weight. The first week he used the racket he gained ten pounds. The state board of railroad commis-

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Advertisement for pants sale with prices: \$1.98, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.50. Includes descriptions like 'Knee Pants', 'Long Pants', and 'Gentlemen: If you're out buying a suit'.

Advertisement for 'The Palace' clothing store, featuring 'MOTHERS! Such Excellent BARGAINS IN CHILDREN'S CLOTHING' and 'YOUR UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF ANY \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22 AND \$25 SUMMER SUIT IN OUR ENTIRE HOUSE FOR TWELVE DOLLARS!'.

sloners has decided that it has no jurisdiction to consider a rate on iron pipe in Wichita. It is an interstate case. A horse on Kansas avenue got a high wheel bicycle under his feet today and when he got through with it looked something like a debilitated barrel hoop. U. S. Hoagland has been appointed lieutenant colonel of the second regiment K. N. G., to succeed John T. Shawver, of Wellington, whose term has expired. James A. Trantman, who attended the Osgue county convention, says there were twelve delegates in that convention who voted the Populist ticket last year. The Republicans of Riley county have renominated William Knipe for the legislature. Mr. Knipe is a Methodist preacher, and was a member of the last house. "There is a gang of fellows in town that seem determined to go to school," says Sheriff Burdge of "Sid" Pickens and the White brothers and the rest of that gang. One hundred and twenty-five officers of the Kansas National Guard have signified their intention of attending the school of instruction at Fort Leavenworth September 10 to 14. Topeka's fame is spreading. A man who will be here from Iowa to visit next week writes that he will improve the opportunity to lay in a supply of clothing while here. General S. B. Bradford will assist in the state campaign and has been billed to make speeches at Highland, July 28; Kansas City, August 3 and 4; Cass county, Mo., August 15. Down in the City of Mexico there is getting to be a Topeka settlement of which the sons of General Caldwell, Bernard Kelly and City Clerk McCadden are the ringleaders. Judge S. R. Peters of Newton, who was chairman of the Republican state convention, is in the city. He says he will not be able to do any campaign work until October. There are over seventy prisoners confined in the county jail, and every little out-of-the-way cell is crowded. A few prisoners are kept up in the garret. Six men are confined in the small "cray cell." The city council ordered the pile of ties near the corner of Jackson and Tenth streets removed because it afforded a hiding place for footpads and they were simply transferred to the other side of the walk. Adjutant General Davis has dishonorably discharged three members of the Lawrence military company who have not reported to drill for over six months. Their names are M. C. Beasley, W. A. Dunier, and Fred Outler. County Attorney Harry Safford "points with pride" to his record of the past three weeks, in which a dozen jointists have been made to feel the sting of the law. So far as known the only place to get beer now is at the drug stores—and Kansas City. H. Von Langen says many Germans will vote the Populist ticket straight because they do not want to throw their votes away by voting the Democratic ticket, and would not under any circumstances vote for the Prohibitionists or the Republican ticket.